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Applicant: John M. Herriz  
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NON-WOVEN ABSORBENT CORE FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
TC/A.U.: 1771  
Examiner: Unknown

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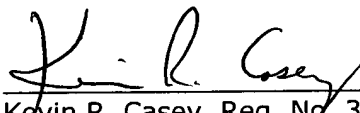
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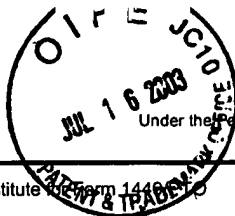
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